

Master ROGER

B O D E N H A M , *Trip to*

*Mexico* ^ 1564-1565 ^ A«D«

[Probably the same man as went to Scio in 1551, see  
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<sup>5</sup> ROGER BODENHAM, having lived a long time In the city of Seville, in Spain, being there married: and by occasion thereof, using trade and traffic to the parts of Barbary; I grew, at length, to great loss and hinderance by that new trade, begun by me, in the city of Fez.

Whereupon, being returned into Spain, I began to call my wits about me, and to consider with myself by what means I might recover and renew my state: and, in conclusion, by the aid of my friends, I procured a ship, called the bark *Fox*, pertaining to London, of the burden of 160 or 180 tons ; and with the same, I made a voyage to West India; having obtained good favour with the Spanish merchants, by reason of my long abode and marriage in the country.

My voyage was in the company of the General [*Admiral*] Don PEDRO MELENDEZ, for New Spain: who being himself appointed General for *Turret Firmer* and Peru, made his son our General for New Spain; although PEDRO MELENDEZ himself was the principal man and director in both fleets.

We all departed from Gales together, the 31st day of May, in the year 1564.

And I, with my ship, being under the conduct of the son of Don PEDRO aforesaid, arrived with him in New Spain; where, immediately, I took order for the discharge of my merchandise at the port of Vera Cruz, otherwise called *Villa Ricca*: to be transported thence, to the city of Mexico; which is seventy and odd leagues from the said port of Villa Rica. In the way are many good towns, as Pueblo de los Angelos, and another called Tlaxcalan.

The city of Mexico hath three great cause[wa]ys to bring men to it: and is compassed with a lake, so that it needeth